Dear family,

 Poetry has been known to greatly assist children in their reading fluency; therefore we will be starting a poetry unit this week. Every week the students will be assigned a poem that they are expected to read at home in a variety of creative ways (see below). These at home activities are made to be fun and creative. I encourage you to participate with your child in these assignments. My hope is that every student will be reading a little more fluently by December.

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| **3rd Grade Poetry Assignments** |
| Monday | *Read poem in the mirror 5 times*, try to look up at yourself as much as possible |
| Tuesday | *Call a relative* (preferably grandma or grandpa) and read them your poem |
| Wednesday | *Record yourself reading your poem* on the computer, using a camera, or on your parent’s cell phone. Listen to your recording and critique yourself. |
| Thursday | Be prepared to *read your poem to a buddy at school* |
| Friday | Be prepared to *present your poem to the class during poetry café!* |

Every Friday the students will present their poems to the class in a weekly poetry café. This period is meant to be fun, relaxing and enjoyable for the kids. I want to recreate the classroom to resemble a real café as much as possible. I will need your help to make this happen; therefore every family will be responsible for providing a small snack and beverage for Friday’s poetry café. Please make a note of the week your family is assigned café duty. Feel free to attend the poetry café at any time! We would love having you ☺

Café Duty

***Please do not bring any egg or nut products, we have students with these allergies.***

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| **Date** | **Family** |
| September 21 | Miss Jenkins & Wallace |
| September 28 | Bernard & Williams |
| October 5 | Czaykowsky |
| October 12 | Goode |
| October 26 | Gravesande & Ravenall |
| November 2 | Guillen & Meija |
| November 9 | Knight |
| November 16 | Lewis |
| November 30 | McCourty |
| December 7 | Sailes |
| December 14 | Villegas |

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| Please bring the following on your assigned date. There should be enough for 17 students. I will provide cups.1. Snacks/pastries
2. Small Plates
3. Napkins
4. Light beverage
 | Appropriate finger food and beverage ideas include:* Sweet tea
* Donuts
* Crackers & cheese
* Fruit
* Veggies & dip
* Hummus & veggies/fruit/crackers
* Hot coco
* Chocolate milk
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